

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kayhan Kucukcaker et al.

Application No.: 10/773,058

Art Unit.: 2128

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Examiner: Shambhavi K. Patel

For: "System And Method For Providing Distributed Static Timing Analysis With Merged Results"

Mail Stop Amendment

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Date: February 27, 2007

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	43	Minus	44	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0
Indep.	4	Minus	5	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$360 =	\$0
					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

This response addresses the rejection of Claim 1-44. Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 25-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 25-33 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-11, 14-38, and 41-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Focus Report: Timing Analysis" (Schulz). Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Post-Layout Logic Restructuring for Performance Optimization" (Jiang). Claims 12, 13, 39, and

40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Schulz.

Claim 44 is cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejections of that claim moot.

Claims 25-33 are amended herein.